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Biographical Information

LESLIE ELLEN SHEAR

A.A., El Camino College, 1970

B.A., University of California at Los Angeles, 1973
Political Science (Public Law and Political Theory), Magna Cum Laude

J.D., University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, 1976

Admitted to State Bar of California, 1976

Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court, 1989

State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization:

*(One of only three California lawyers certified as a
Specialist in both Family Law and Appellate Law)*

Certified Family Law Specialist, 1983

Certified Appellate Law Specialist, 2009

Fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

HONORS AND AWARDS

Joseph Drown Award for Service to Children

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, CA Chapter, 2014

AFCC Ambassador Award

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 2013

Martindale-Hubbell® Rated: AV Preeminent™

Martindale-Hubbell® Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers™ 2012-2014

Avvo.com Rated: 10 (Superb)

Super Lawyers: Los Angeles Super Lawyers, 2004-2014; Top Attorneys
of Southern California, 2011-2014; Southern California Super Lawyers
Blue Ribbon Panel, 2015

PRACTICE EMPHASIS

Appellate Court Proceedings

Appeals, writs, and amicus curiae representation in family law appellate cases.

Family Law Trial Court Proceedings

Complex child custody matters,
Complex parentage and assisted reproduction matters,
Interstate and international jurisdiction and relocation issues
(including Hague Abduction Convention and UCCJEA),
Consulting appellate counsel in trial court proceedings, and
Court-appointed representation of children in family courts.

Consensual Dispute Resolution

Trained and experienced in consensual dispute resolution models, including
mediation, parenting plan coordination (child custody special master), and
collaborative family law.



SELECTED LEGAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Family Law Advisory Commission, State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization

Commissioner (2000–2002). Reviewed applications for certification and recertification of specialists. Drafted and graded family law specialization exams. Reviewed educational and experience requirements.

Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS) 1997–present

Current Positions: Coordinating Director and Co-chair of Amicus Committee. President, 2010. Various Board positions including Newsletter Editor, Director South, Technology Coordinator, and Secretary. Author of a number of ACFLS amicus curiae briefs. Co-organizer of statewide minors' counsel roundtables and trainings.

Journal of Child Custody

Editorial Board member and contributor (2003–2013) of interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal published by Taylor and Francis.

Guest editor, Special Issue on International Custody, 2013.

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

Past Board member, California Chapter (AFCC-CA). Co-chair, 2001 AFCC-CA Conference. Steering Committee, 2003 AFCC-CA Conference. Planning Committee, 2012 AFCC-CA Conference. Planning committee, 2013 National Conference. Frequent speaker at state and international conferences. Contributor to *Family Court Review*.

International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Fellow.

Vallambrosa Retreat: Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes

Faculty member, 1981 (trained statewide court staff mediators for California Courts following enactment of mandatory custody mediation legislation).

Los Angeles County Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee

Past Board member. Chair, first Parent Coordinator Subcommittee. Committee Member, second Parent Coordinator Committee. Co-chair, 2000 Child Custody Colloquium Subcommittee. Co-chair, Judicial Council Family Law Advisory Committee Liaison Subcommittee. Chair and member of the Minors Counsel, Family Court Services Liaison, Parent's Day, Settlement Stipulation Form Drafting, and Child Support DA Liaison subcommittees. Frequent CLE presenter.

State Bar of California Family Law Section Subcommittee on Children's Issues (South)

Past member. Drafted statutory definition of legal custody. Co-chair, Child Custody Evaluation Process Project (1981–1982). Frequent presenter at State Bar Annual Meeting and Section Education Institutes on child custody and parentage issues.

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Family Law Department

Volunteer activities have included: temporary judge; attorney mediator; drafting rule of court governing confidentiality of Conciliation Court custody mediation proceedings; and in-service training for Family Court Services staff.



Center for Families, Children and the Courts, Administrative Office of the Courts

Member, drafting committee for California Rule of Court rule 5.225 (Education, Experience, and Training Standards for Court-Appointed Child Custody Investigators and Evaluators). Presenter at various AOC trainings for family court services staff, family law legal services attorneys and minors' counsel.

Technolawyer (technolawyer.com)

Contributor to email newsletter about the use of technology in law practice.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Bar Association

Family Law, International Law and Dispute Resolution Sections; Council of Appellate Lawyers; and Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division.

State Bar of California

Family Law, International Law, and Solo and Small Firm Sections.

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Family Law, Appellate Courts, International Law, and Small Firms and Sole Practitioner Sections.

International Child Abduction Attorney Network (ICAAN)

A collaborative project of the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, and the U.S. Department of State, Office of Children's Issues.

Scribes

The American Society of Legal Writers.

PUBLISHED APPELLATE DECISIONS

Note: All decisions of the U.S. and California Supreme Courts are published, and establish precedent. Only approximately 19% of the opinions in civil cases from California's intermediate appellate courts are significant enough to be certified for publication and establish precedent. The criteria for publication of appellate opinions are set forth at Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.1105.

U.S. Supreme Court

Michael H. v. Gerald D. (1989) 491 U.S. 110
Parentage presumptions. Constitutionality of California's "conclusive" marital presumption of paternity, minor child's constitutional interest in preservation of established father-daughter relationship with her biological and psychological father despite mother's reconciliation with maritally-presumed father. Affirmed, on other grounds, plurality adopted legal theories advanced. (Minor's counsel in trial and appellate proceedings)

California Supreme Court

Hocharian v. Superior Court (1981) 28 Cal.3d 714
Mandatory dismissal of civil action for failure to serve summons within statutory period. Guidelines for trial courts in determining whether a plaintiff may be excused from mandatory dismissal under former Code Civ. Proc. § 581a upon a showing of due diligence and late discovery of identity of Doe defendant. Reversed. (Appellant)



Montenegro v. Diaz (2001) 26 Cal.4th 249

Child custody modification. Inapplicability of changed circumstances doctrine to proceedings for modification of temporary child custody orders. Reversed Court of Appeal. (Amicus for minor child)

Marriage of LaMusga (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1072

Scope of trial court discretion, factors to be considered and application of Fam. Code § 7501 in child custody relocation proceedings. Judgment of Court of Appeal reversed and matter remanded with directions. (Amicus for minor children)

Kristine H. v. Lisa R. (2005) 37 Cal.4th 156

Parentage (maternity of non-biological lesbian co-parent). Gender-neutral application of parentage presumptions, collateral attack on judgments, pre-birth parentage judgments, establishment of parentage by stipulation, estoppel, intended-parent doctrine, evidence of biology doesn't refute presumed parenthood. Affirmed. (Respondent (non-biological mother)). Case consolidated with *Elisa B. v. Sup. Ct. (Emily B.)* (2005) 37 Cal.4th 108, and *K.M. v. E.G.* (2005) 37 Cal.4th 130) for briefing and televised oral argument.

Strauss v. Horton, et al (2009) 46 Cal.4th 364

Validity of Proposition 8 amending California Constitution to bar recognition of marriages between same-sex partners. Court refused retroactive application, but upheld constitutional validity of amendment. (Amicus for Association of Certified Family Law Specialists and Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Northern California Chapter)

Court of Appeal of California

Ohmer v. Superior Court (1983, 2nd District) 148 Cal.App.3d 661

Child custody evaluations, due process. Validity of former Los Angeles Superior Court policy barring custody litigants from cross-examining court-employed child custody investigators, and prohibiting custody litigants from obtaining and presenting evidence of investigator's lack of mental health education and training. Affirmed. (Appellant) Legislature prohibited pre-evaluation waivers of cross-examination after this decision was published.

People v. Moore (1987, 2nd District) 189 Cal.App.3d 1537

Prosecution's failure to turn over an investigating officer's notes of conversation with defense witness, despite informal agreement between prosecution and defense for complete discovery, was not prejudicial error. Affirmed. (Appellant)

Marriage of Buzzanca (1998, 4th District, Santa Ana) 61 Cal.App.4th 1410

Gestational surrogacy. Husband and wife found to be the legal parents of child conceived during their marriage using donor eggs and sperm, and born after separation to gestational surrogate. Husband denied paternity. Trial court found child had no legal parents. Court of Appeal applied the intended parent doctrine and equitable estoppel to recognize divorcing couple as child's parents. Reversed. (Amicus on behalf of minor child; participated in oral argument)

Marriage of Kelso (1998, 2nd District) 67 Cal.App.4th 374

Procedural and due-process rights of family lawyers in proceedings for award of fees from other party for representation of former client. Court cannot use post-recusal findings of judge formerly assigned to case. Reversed. (Amicus for Appellant)



Marriage of Rose and Richardson (2002, 2nd District) 102 Cal.App.4th 941
Child custody (relocation, modification). Inapplicability of changed circumstances doctrine to child custody relocation case where child custody provisions in stipulated judgment did not contain unequivocal provisions that the child custody orders were intended to be final. Reversed. (Appellant)

Marriage of Abargil (2003, 2nd District) 106 Cal.App.4th 1294
Child custody (international relocation). Scope of trial court discretion to order international relocation. Duty to preserve California jurisdiction, issue abduction prevention orders, and meaningfully protect child's relationship with left-behind parent when permitting international relocation. Remanded for adequate jurisdictional protection (abduction prevention) orders. (Appellant)

Craig L. v. Sandy S. (2004, 4th District, San Diego) 125 Cal.App.4th 36
Marital and functional paternity presumptions. Standing, rights of biological and psychological father to recognition of paternity over claims of maritally-presumed father. Reversed. (Appellant)

Marriage of Seagondollar (2006, 4th District, Santa Ana) 139 Cal.App.4th 1116
Child custody relocation, burden of proof, right to evaluation, fairness of post-judgment OSC proceedings, ethical obligations of evaluator and minor's counsel, requirements for orders appointing child custody evaluator. Reversed. (Appellant)

Amy G. v. M.W. (2006, 2nd District) 142 Cal.App.4th 1
Gender-neutral application of parentage presumptions. Where policy of statutory scheme is based on continuity of child's family relationships and integrity of marital family, may statutes be construed to make biological parenthood irrelevant for paternity while determinative for maternity? Standing and joinder. Affirmed. (Petitioners-Appellants)

Marriage of Paillier (2006, 4th District, Riverside) 144 Cal.App.4th 461
California family court cannot enforce ne exeat and visitation provisions of French child custody decree under Cal-UCCJEA by modifying French orders to change custody from mother to father or by sending child to France. Reversed. (Appellant)

Marriage of Lafkas (2007, 2nd District) 153 Cal.App.4th 1429
Court of Appeal lacked jurisdiction to consider former husband's appeal of order issued after bifurcated trial on classification and division of community and separate interests in a partnership. "Further Judgment" was not a separately appealable order but was merely preliminary to a final order characterizing, valuing, and dividing all marital assets, and former husband failed to obtain certificate of probable cause from family law court. Dismissed. (Respondent)

H.S. v. Superior Court (2010, 4th District, Riverside) 183 Cal.App.4th 1502
Voluntary declaration of paternity executed by married woman void. Alleged biological father lacks standing to challenge maritally-presumed father. Conflict between parentage statutes resolved by considering whether construction furthers or frustrates policies of statutory schemes. Reversed. (Petitioners)

Rand v. Board of Psychology (2012, 3d District) 206 Cal.App.4th 565
Jurisdiction for professional discipline of psychologist for conduct as family court-appointed child custody special master (parent coordinator) and as family court expert witness. Affirmed. (Amicus educational brief re parent coordination model)



PUBLICATIONS

Article	Publication	Year
Chapter 4, Parenting Plans	California Continuing Education of the Bar, <i>California Child Custody Law and Practice</i> (CEB) (Rev. annually)	2006–2014
<i>To Speak of All Kinds of Things: Child Custody Evaluations and the Unique Characteristics of Relocations to Foreign Countries</i>	10 <i>Journal of Child Custody</i> 325 (co-author Leslie Drozd)	2013
<i>Taking and Keeping the Children: Family Abduction Risk and Remedies in U.S. Family Courts</i>	10 <i>Journal of Child Custody</i> 252 (co-author Julia C. Shear Kushner)	2013
Guest Editor's Note (<i>Special International Custody Issue</i>)	10 <i>Journal of Child Custody</i> 207	2013
<i>Dude I'm 14 Years Old and I'm Here to Address The Court...Now What? California Prepares for Teenagers in Family Court</i>	International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML) <i>Law Journal</i>	2012
<i>Ask the Experts: Ten Reasons the Hague Abduction Convention May Not Be Enough</i>	AFCC E-News	2011
<i>Relocation Realities: Developing a Long-Distance Parenting Plan,</i>	33 <i>American Bar Association Family Advocate</i> 27	2010
<i>Paper Parachutes: Hartson and Payne's Creating Effective Parenting Plans</i>	4 <i>Journal of Child Custody</i> 111	2008
<i>In Search of Statutory Authority for Parenting Coordinator Orders in California: Using a Grass-roots, Hybrid Model Without an Enabling Statute</i>	5 <i>Journal of Child Custody</i> 88	2008
<i>Child Custody and Domestic Violence: The Tangled Roles of Inquiry and Advocacy in Improving the Family Justice System's Response to Complex Challenges</i>	1 <i>Journal of Child Custody</i> 107	2004
<i>Will This Child Move? The Structure of Move-Away Analysis</i>	Winter 2001 AFCC-CA Newsletter 11 (simultaneously published in the ACFLS Newsletter)	2001
<i>Comment: Montenegro v. Diaz – Cal Supreme Court Quietly Changes the Child Custody Landscape While Sidestepping Central Questions</i>	Winter 2001 AFCC-CA Newsletter 10 (simultaneously published in the ACFLS Newsletter)	2001
<i>From Competition to Complementarity: Legal Issues and Their Clinical Implications in Custody</i>	7 <i>Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America: Child Custody</i> 311 (Kyle Pruett & Marsha Kline Pruett, Eds. W.B. Saunders)	1998
<i>Painting Family Portraits for the New Paradigm: The Modern Art of Parenting Plan Evaluations</i>	Faculty Handbook, joint conferences, ABA Family Law Section and the American Psychological Association	1997



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<i>Life Stories, Doctrines and Decisionmaking: Three High Courts Confront the Move-Away Dilemma</i>	35 <i>Family and Conciliation Courts Review</i> 439	1996
<i>Children's Lawyers in California Family Law Courts: Balancing Competing Policies and Values Regarding Questions of Ethics</i>	34 <i>Family and Conciliation Courts Review</i> 256	1996
Guest Editorial (<i>User-fees for Mandatory Custody Mediation</i>)	34 <i>Family and Conciliation Courts Review</i> 194-197 (also appeared in the <i>Los Angeles Daily Journal</i> in December 1995 in slightly different form)	1996
<i>The Boundaries of Mental Health Expertise in Dependency and Family Law: A Proposal for Standards of Practice</i>	26 <i>Conciliation Courts Review</i> 49 (co-author Norman Stone)	1988
<i>Child Custody Evaluations: A Guide for Attorneys and Evaluators</i>	LACBA Family Law Section Child Custody Colloquium (co-author Norman Stone)	1982
<i>Drafting Plans Allocating Parental Responsibility</i>	The Newsletter (AFCC-CA) (column ran quarterly)	1981-1983
<i>Drafting Post-Separation Orders Allocating Parental Rights and Responsibilities</i>	Fifth Annual LACBA Family Law Colloquium Handbook: The Child, the Family and the Legal System	1981
<i>Developing Written Agreements and Working Effectively With Attorneys</i>	AFCC-CA, Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes (Transcripts from the Vallambrosa Retreat)	1981

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (PARTIAL LIST)

Topic (Speaking Engagements)	Event/Sponsor	Year
Take My Child Back: Handling Your First Hague Petition	Iranian American Lawyers' Association (IALA)	2014
Structuring California Child Custody Evaluations: Appointment Orders & Procedures Statements	AFCC-CA Conference (San Francisco)	2014
Moving From Kansas to Oz: Evaluating, Trying and Resolving an International Relocation Case (Full-day Special Institute)	AFCC-CA Conference (San Francisco)	2014
From "I Rest" to "I Appeal": The Post-Evidentiary Phase of a Family Law RFO or Trial	ACFLS Sacramento Chapter	2014
Bringing Up Baby: Developing Parenting Plans that Grow With the Baby	AFCC 51st Annual Conference (Toronto)	2014



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A Three-Hour Tour - Cal-UCCJEA and Beyond	LACBA Advanced Minors' Counsel Training	2013
From "I Rest" to "I Appeal": The Post-Evidentiary Phase of a Family Law RFO or Trial	White-Zuckerman Manhattan Beach Study Group	2013
Moving From Kansas to Oz: Evaluating, Trying and Resolving an International Relocation Case	AFCC Washington Chapter Conference (Seattle)	2013
Dude, I'm 14 Years Old and I'm Here to Address the Court ... Now What? Children's Voices in Family Court	Voice of the Child, Santa Clara County Psychological Association, Santa Clara County Bar Association Family Law Section, and Minor's Counsel Committee (Santa Clara)	2013
Moving From Kansas to Oz: Evaluating, Trying and Resolving an International Relocation Case	ACFLS, Orange County Chapter	2013
Improving Our Cultural Competency in the Courtroom: Tools for Autodidacts	Iranian-American Lawyer's Association (IALA), Cultural Competency in Family Practice	2013
Domestic Violence Legal Update	AFCC-CA, Evaluator Training (Los Angeles)	2013
Other People's Children: First Do No Harm (Ethical Issues for Family Court Minors' Counsel)	Alameda County Minors' Counsel Training (California Judicial Council: Administrative Office of the Courts)	2013
Moving From Kansas to Oz: Evaluating, Trying and Resolving an International Relocation Case (Full-day Special Institute)	AFCC 50th Annual Conference (Los Angeles)	2013
From Righteous Indignation to Reversal: Family Law Appellate Practice Basics	LACBA Family Law Symposium	2012
Special Institute: Inside Parenting Coordination Practice in California: Managing Roles, Responsibilities and Risks	AFCC-CA (Santa Monica)	2012
Dude, I'm 14 Years Old and I'm Here to Address the Court ... Now What? Children's Voices in Family Court	State Bar of California, Annual Meeting (Monterey)	2012
Dude, I'm 14 Years Old and I'm Here to Address the Court ... Now What? Children's Voices in Family Court	AFCC-CA Study Group	2012
An Imperfect Toolkit: Parental Abduction Prevention and Remedies: 10 Reasons the Hague Convention May Not Be Enough	ACFLS Sacramento Chapter	2012



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Introduction to Transnational Family Law Issues	LACBA International Section "Comprehensive Look at Transnational Employment Issues: The Tax, Family, Employment, Immigration (and Inheritance) Issues"	2011
Taking Children's Testimony in Family Law Cases	State Bar of California Family Law Section Cyber-Institute	2011
Deposing Custody Litigants	Family Law Study Group (Century City)	2011
An Imperfect Toolkit: Parental Abduction Prevention and Remedies: 10 Reasons the Hague Convention May Not Be Enough	Pasadena Bar Association, Minors at Risk Caucus	2011
Children's Voices In Family Court: Minors Testifying? ... Major Concerns!	ACFLS, MCBA Family Law Section, Monterey County CAMFT	2011
Substance, Structure and Style: Writing About Children and their Families in Family Court Settings	AFCC-CA Writing Institute, Annual Conference (San Francisco)	2011
Evaluator Makeover Workshop	AFCC-CA Annual Conference (San Francisco)	2011
"Why Can't the Little Girl Have Two Daddies and a Mommy?" Considering Three (or More) Parent Families	AFCC 48th Annual Conference (Orlando)	2011
Travels With Finney - A Family Lawyer and her iPad	ACFLS Spring Seminar (Indian Wells)	2011
Move-Away Custodial Cases	2011 AOC/LAAC Family Law Conference (San Francisco)	2011
Problems With Pop-Dec's	State Bar of California Annual Meeting (Monterey)	2010
Just the Facts, Mam, Just the Facts: Admissible Evidence for Minors Counsel	Pasadena Bar Association Minors at Risk Caucus	2010
Working Effectively with Parents' Counsel - Dos and Don'ts	LACBA 2010 Minors' Counsel Training October 15-16, 2010	2010
An Imperfect Toolkit: Parental Abduction Prevention and Remedies	Dinner Meeting - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Family Law Section	2010
Attorneys' Fees and Access to Justice Toolkit for Cases Where a Party Shows Little or No Income, But Manages to Fund a Substantial Litigation Budget from Third Party Help or Other Sources	Association of Certified Family Law Specialists Spring Seminar (Rancho Mirage)	2010



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Custody Lawyer/Mediator/Evaluator as Storyteller: Shaping Narratives to Help Decisionmakers Craft Individualized Parenting Plans	AFCC-CA Annual Conference (Santa Monica)	2010
United States Family Law: Ten Tips in Ten Minutes	LACBA International Section and Law Society of England & Wales	2010
Anatomy of a Parenting Plan (Full-day Special Institute)	AFCC 47th Annual Conference (Denver)	2010
Deposing Custody Litigants	ACFLS North Chapter (Oakland)	2010
Hearing Children's Voices in CDR	"Helping Families: New Directions in Consensual Dispute Resolution" (Pepperdine Law School)	2010
Proposition 8 Cases and the California Supreme Court	Santa Monica Bar Association Law Day Dinner	2009
Spot the Issues: Civil Marriage in California for Same-Sex Couples	LACBA Family Law Inns of Court	2009
Parenting Plans for Toddlers and Teenagers	Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section	2009
Deposing Custody Litigants	Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section	2009
Moving from Kansas to Oz: Introduction to Practical Issues in International Relocation Cases	AFCC 42nd Annual Conference (New Orleans)	2009
Are Lawyers Unbundling in a Frigid Economy?	LACBA 2nd Annual Small Firm and Solo Practitioners Conference: Mission Possible	2009
Family Law Fairness After <i>Seagondollar</i> and <i>Elkins</i> : A Pragmatic Approach	White, Zuckerman, Warsavsky, Luna, Wolf & Hunt San Gabriel Valley Family Law Study Group	2008
First Do No Harm - Recognizing Our Limitations	LACBA Minors' Counsel Training Program	2008
Handling Move-Away Cases in the Public Law Setting - A Moving Target: Requirements and Rights in Move-Away Cases	Legal Aid Association of California 2008 Family Law Conference (Los Angeles)	2008
Custody Lawyer/Mediator/Evaluator as Storyteller: Shaping Narratives to Help Decisionmakers Craft Individualized Parenting Plans	AFCC Annual Conference - Fitting the Forum to the Family: Emerging Challenges for Family Courts (Vancouver, Canada)	2008
The Custody Lawyer as Storyteller: Drafting Admissible, Compelling, and Effective Declarations	2008 Annual Meeting State Bar of California	2008



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A Moving Target: Requirements and Rights in Move-Away Cases	State Bar of California Annual Meeting (Anaheim)	2007
UCCJEA/Hague Abduction Convention Toolkit: Registration, Enforcement and Modification of Custody Orders	AFCC-CA Chapter Conference	2007
Parentage, Interstate & International Custody Buzzwords Jeopardy	LACBA Family Law Colloquium Buzzwords	2006
<i>Brown v. Yana</i>	AFCC-CA Annual Conference (Los Angeles)	2006
It's a Small World After All: Understanding and Addressing International Child Custody and Visitation Cases (Full-day Special Institute)	AFCC-CA Annual Conference (Los Angeles)	2006
Keynote Address - The Natural: Rules of the Game (California Parentage Law)	2006 Spring Training: AAML No. Cal. Chapter (Sonoma)	2006
Relocation Revisited: Practical Issues in Child Custody Relocation Practice	White, Zuckerman, Warsavsky, Luna, Wolf & Hunt Family Law Study Group	2006
Same-sex Parentage Issues	Desert Bar Association Family Law Section Monthly Dinner	2005
Parentage Issues for Domestic Partners and Same-Sex Couples - California's Parentage Law Revolution: Step By Step	CEB (Continuing Education of the Bar) Domestic Partners program	2005
Interviewing Clients In Relocation Cases	Trial Advocacy Seminar, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (California - Southern CA Chapter)	2004
The Changing Face of California Parentage Law - Beyond Birth and Blood Tests: Social Parents, Presumed Parents and Intended Parents	State Bar of California Annual Meeting	2004
Child Custody Evaluations: Form Follows Function	Santa Monica Bar Association Family Law Section Luncheon	2004
Anatomy of a Parenting Plan (Full-day Special Institute)	AFCC-CA Annual Conference (Los Angeles)	2004
Relocation Revisited: The California Supreme Court and <i>Marriage of LaMusga</i>	AFCC-CA Annual Conference (Los Angeles)	2004
Relocation and Custody Modification Revisited: The California Supreme Court and <i>Marriage of LaMusga</i>	AFCC 41st Annual Conference: Best Interests Revisited, Challenging Our Assumptions (San Antonio)	2004
Move-Aways and Modifications - The Impact of <i>Marriage of LaMusga</i>	Administrative Office of the Courts Family Court Services Training (Burbank and Riverside)	2004



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The "Right to Remove" of the Custodial Parent – the <i>Burgess</i> Case and Subsequent Cases	International Bar Association: The Hague Child Abduction Convention Seminar (San Francisco)	2003
Moving Away in the New Millennium	State Bar of California Annual Meeting (Anaheim)	2003
The Role of the Psychological Expert Witness in International Custody Proceedings	AFCC-CA Annual Conference (Ottawa, Canada)	2003
Practical Implications of Recent Changes in Custody Law	ACFLS Children's Issues and Custody Law (Ontario, CA)	2003
Rethinking Joint and Sole Legal Custody Orders	State Bar of California Annual Meeting (Monterey)	2002
International Move-Away Cases: Law and Practice	Santa Monica Bar Association Family Law Section Luncheon	2002
Move-Aways With Young Children (included section on international moveaways) Special Institute	AFCC Annual Conference (Hawaii)	2002
Legal Custody and Best Interests (Assessing and Allocating Communication and Decision-Making Authority)	AFCC Annual Conference (Hawaii)	2002
Evaluating Appointment Orders	AFCC Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations (Tucson)	2002
California Domestic Violence Update: Highlights of Changes in Cal DV Law for Custody Evaluators	AFCC Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations (Tucson)	2002
Institute on Relocation: A Custody Lawyer Looks at Move-Aways	AFCC Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations (Tucson)	2002
Thinking About Assisted Reproduction Law: Contradictions and Clashes	Study Group	2002
The Effect on Children of a Moveaway and How to Stay Close from a Distance	State Bar of California Annual Meeting	2001
Parenting Plan Coordinator (Child Custody Special Master)	LACBA Parenting Plan Coordinator Training	2001
Legal Custody and Best Interests (Assessing and Allocating Communication and Decision-Making Authority)	Center for Families, Children and the Courts (California Administrative Office of the Courts) Family Court Services Southern Regional Training (Palm Springs)	2001
Tools for Family Lawyers on the Web	Association of Certified Family Law Specialists Fall Seminar	2001



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Assessing and Allocating Legal Custody	AFCC-CA Do Great Work See Great Works in the City of the Roses	2001
Inexpensive Computerized Family Law Research Tools	ACFLS Fall Seminar (Los Angeles and Oakland)	2000
Pre-Evaluation Practical Issues	LACBA Family Law Section Seminar	1999
Beyond the Timeshare: Parenting Plans that Don't Disrupt Children's Lives	Parents' Day: Making Custody Work, Los Angeles County Superior Court, LACBA	1999
The Custody Lawyer as Storyteller	Law Education Institute (Vail, Colorado)	1998
Preventing and Resolving Interstate and International Custody Jurisdictional Disputes	LACBA Family Law Section Child Custody Colloquium	1998
"Parenthood: California Style."	ACFLS Spring Seminar (Yosemite)	1998
Life Stories, Doctrines and Decision-making: The Moveaway Dilemma	Sun Valley, Idaho	1998?
What Judges Want and Need to Know About Custody Cases	Joint Conferences: ABA Family Law Section and the American Psychological Association (Los Angeles)	1997
Minors' Counsel Roundtable	ACFLS Minors' Counsel Roundtable (Cambria, CA)	1997
Minors' Counsel Roundtable	ACFLS Minors' Counsel Roundtable, (San Juan Capistrano)	1996
Beyond the Timeshare Revisited: The Evolving Role of Custody Lawyers, Preparation for the Next Century		1996
The Role of the Lawyer in Custody Mediation	AFCC Annual Conference (Williamsburg, VA)	1983
Developing Written Agreements and Working Effectively With Attorneys	AFCC-CA (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, CA Chapter) "Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes" (Program trained first group of court-employed child custody mediators following enactment of mandatory mediation legislation)	1982
Debate re Confidential v. Recommending Court-Connected Child Custody Mediation models	AFCC-CA (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, CA Chapter) "Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes"	1982